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SUBJECT: CHINESE VICE-PREMIER KENG PIAO VISITS JAMAICA

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CHINESE VICE PREMIER KENG PIAO DEPARTED KINGSTON JULY 20  
FOR GUYANA AFTER A FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT THAT TURNED  
OUT TO BE MORE CEREMONIAL THAN SUBSTANTIVE. IT WAS THE  
FIRST HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE VISIT SINCE RELATIONS WERE  
OPENED IN 1972. PIAO, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND A  
27-MEMBER DELEGATION, HAD A FULL ROUND OF RED-CARPET  
TREATMENT, THOUGH HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH TOP OFFICIALS HERE  
WERE SOMEWHAT TRUNCATED BECAUSE HIS VISIT COINCIDED WITH  
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THE CARICOM MINISTERIAL.

2. PIAO'S VISIT WAS OFFICIALLY A RETURN VISIT --  
JAMAICAN VICE-PREMIER COORE VISITED CHINA IN 1976.  
WE HAVE NO INSIDE INFORMATION ON THE REAL REASON HE IS  
SWINGING THROUGH THE CARIBBEAN, BUT IT IS PROBABLY A  
MIXTURE -- THE CHINESE PERHAPS FEEL THERE ARE SOME POSSI-

BILITIES OF COUNTERING CUBAN/SOVIET INFLUENCE, AND THEY HAVE SMALL BUT INFLUENTIAL CHINESE COMMUNITIES IN THE AREA TO BE CARESSED. IN ANY EVENT, THE VISIT HERE SEEMS TO HAVE ACCOMPLISHED VERY LITTLE. THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR ADMITTED TO AMBASSADOR IRVING THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS WERE POLITE BUT VERY THIN. THE JAMAICANS, HE SAID, WERE IMMOVABLE IN THEIR OPINIONS ON MOST AREAS, PARTICULARLY AFRICA. IN BILATERAL AFFAIRS THERE WAS VAGUE TALK OF FRIENDSHIP. THE JAMAICANS PROMISED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT FULFILLING THEIR SIDE OF THE SMALL CHINESE AID PROGRAM WHICH CONSISTS OF A VIRTUALLY DEFUNCT POLYESTER PLANT. THE CHINESE PROMISED TO SEND A TEAM OF TECHNICIANS TO LOOK INTO SMALL AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.

3. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE TEAM WERE VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WONG HAI-JUNG; DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS SHENG CHIH-WEI; DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY SUN CHUN; AND DEPUTY PROTOCOL DIRECTOR KAO TSIAN-CHUNG. THERE WERE ALSO OTHER LESSER OFFICIALS, INTERPRETERS, AND A VERY ENERGETIC GROUP OF NEWSREEL PHOTOGRAPHERS. ALTHOUGH EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS SPARSE, GENERAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE CEREMONIAL EVENTS WAS HEAVY.

4. CHINESE POLICY WAS BITTERLY ATTACKED BY LEFT-WING  
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(AND PRO-SOVIET) COLUMNISTS IN THE JAMAICA DAILY NEWS. THE INDEPENDENT DAILY GLEANER SUMMED UP THE VISIT ON JULY 21 AS ONE THAT DID NOT CREATE A STIR, "BUT HE AND HIS LADY DID GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF A GRACIOUS COUPLE, EVINCING GREAT INTEREST IN WHAT THEY HAD TO SEE AND DO IN JAMAICA AND RESPONDING WITH CHARM AND URBANITY TO THE WELCOME EXTENDED TO THEM BY THEIR JAMAICAN HOSTS... OVER THE YEARS, LINKS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED WITH CHINA, AS THEY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE EAST AND THE WEST WITH WHICH THIS COUNTRY HAD NOT HAD PREVIOUS ASSOCIATIONS. WHILE NOT DESERTING FORMER AND TRADITIONAL FRIENDS AND ALLIES, WE HAVE EMBARKED ON A WIDE-REACHING FOREIGN POLICY PROGRAMME WHICH RANGES THROUGH THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, FROM THE RIGHT TO THE LEFT.  
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